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Compiler's Note

Today, just like non-Muslims, Muslims all over the world, have become prey to disunity and dissension on the basis of ethnic, provincial and racial bigotry, which is totally in conflict with the teachings of the Qur'aan and Hadith. In an effort towards remedying this illness, some selected discourses from various books of Shaikh-ul-Arab wal 'Ajam, 'Arifbillah Hazrat Maulana Shah Hakeem Muhammad Akhtar Saheb (Daamat barakaatuhum), are being published in the present booklet titled: "The remedy to the evil disease of Racism and Prejudice"

In view of the present situation, please publish and distribute this booklet amongst the populace as much as you can, so that discrimination and hatred be removed and mutual love be created.

ان کا جو فرض ہے وہ اہل سیاست جانیں

میرا پیغام محبت ہے جہاں تک پہنچے

"The responsibility of the politicians is their own prerogative;
My message is of love; whither it reaches."

Every person has total permission to publish this booklet.
A servant of Hazrat Wala Daamat Barakaatuhum.

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Differences in Language and Color is a Sign of Allah Ta`ala's Greatness

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Sunday after 'Asr

Hazrat wala (damat barakaatuhum) said:

All Muslims are brothers to one another.

اِنَمَا الْمُؤْمِنُوْنَ اِخْوَةٌ

The Believers are but a single brotherhood
(Surah Hujurat; verse 10)

Some have come from Africa and others are here from London, some from Baluchistan, another is from Punjab, and another from Sindh. Everyone is from some place but I consider everyone here my brother.

Allah Ta`ala says,

(وَمِنْ آيٰتِهِ خَلْقُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَاْفُ اَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَاَلْوَانِكُم)

"And among His signs is the creation of the heavens and the earth, and the variations in your languages and colors."

If someone happens to disrespect or look down upon the signs of Allah, this is in actuality a very grave sin and the person who commits this act is an extremely foolish individual.

Many prominent, so-called "educated" people have hatred in their hearts for others due to differences in race & language.

People do not understand the reality of SIN! If someone does not accept a sign of Allah, then this is disbelief.

Unfortunately, the condition of people today is such that if someone happens to speak the Punjabi or Sindhi language, amongst Urdu speaking people, then the Urdu speaking people laugh and ridicule them for the difference in language.

Urdu is a nice language but to consider it superior and more virtuous than every other language is not permissible; in actuality, it is not permissible to look down upon any language.

One should not look down upon the English language either. If a person from England accepts Islam, then what language will he speak? Obviously, he will be speaking the English language; therefore, consider all languages and dialects to be good and a manifestation of Allah's greatness.

If you were born in England, you would have grown up speaking English. If you were born in Punjab, you would have spoken Punjabi, and if you were born in Sindh, then you would have spoken Sindhi. Considering this, would you look down upon on the language you were born with? Thus, we should not discriminate against any language.

When we had traveled to Bangladesh, we never disrespected or looked-down upon any Bangladeshi person. It is for this reason that all the Bangladeshis fell in love with me. I do not have any nationalism or racial pride in me. To find a person who does not have any nationalism or racism in his heart, in this day and age, is very difficult. Look at how many Punjabi friends I have. I get enjoyment from listening to their Punjabi language.

Tribal and Racial Prejudice: The Stepping Stone to an Evil End

Analyze the condition of your heart. Continue to do so until no iota of prejudice remains.

In one battle, there was a person who was fighting with great chivalry and bravery. One Sahabi praised his courageousness in front of the Prophet (sallellaho alaihe wa sallam) due to which the Prophet (salellaho alaihe wasallam) commented that he is a Jahannami (a man destined for Hell). On hearing this comment that Sahabi became curious as to why he was a Jahannami, so he decided to follow him and observe his actions.

Through observation, the Sahabi noticed the person was extremely injured. That person could not tolerate the pain anymore, so he ended his own life with his sword. The Sahabi returned to the Prophet (salellaho alaihe wasallam) and inquired about this whole occurrence, to which the Prophet (salellaho alaihe wasallam) said, "This person was not fighting in the cause of Allah, rather he was fighting in order to make a name for his people and tribe."

So understand that racial and tribal prejudice is an evil characteristic that leads to Hell-fire. Looking down upon other people's languages and skin color is tantamount to leading oneself to Hell.

Spread this message. There will be great benefit in it. In these times that we are living in, there is great need to propagate this message everywhere. Every Muslim must propagate it. Never look down upon any language, race, or skin color. To look down upon someone because of language or color indicates that a person is in disagreement with the signs of Allah.

Since many people are present in this gathering you should all convey this message: That from the signs of Allah are the variations of your languages and colors. People honor their father's signs when they see them; to such an extent, that it moves them to tears through the remembrance of their beloved father. Now think of how unbecoming and worthless it is of the one who makes the signs of Allah a cause of dispute and dissension.

All the Muslims in the world are brothers regardless of whether they are from London or Uganda. Allah has created humanity black and white; they have not created themselves like that. Allah is the sole Creator. The variations in color & language are from the signs of Allah. Anyone who does not submit and bring faith in any signs of Allah, he is in actuality repudiating the Qur'an Majeed.

Differences in Language & Color: A Means of the Recognition of Allah

16th of Safar, 1423
In accordance to
27th of April 2002
Saturday after Maghrib

Listen to something new; something that you might only hear from me. One night while I was on a journey in Malawi, I was awakened at two O'clock in the morning to the sound of a dog barking. I thought to myself, how interesting it is that the dog here in Malawi barks in the same language as the dogs in Karachi. Dogs, cats, and animals from every country in the world communicate in the same "language". The dog in England does not say, "I am a dog". Neither does the cat in England say, "I am a cat". Rather in every country cats say, "Meow".

The languages of humankind however are different and vary from country to country and location to location. What is the reasoning and wisdom behind this difference?

Allah Ta'ala inspired my heart such that the wisdom behind this difference is that Allah created human race for the sake of His recognition. For this reason, He brought about variations in the languages so that they may ponder over the wonders of His unique power in the many languages He has created.

Allah Ta'ala says:

(وَمِنْ آيٰتِهٖ خَلْقُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ اَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَاَلْوَانِكُمْ)

"And from His signs are the creation of the heavens and the earth and the variations in your languages and colors..." (Rum; 22)

The differences and variations in your languages and colors are from amongst the signs of Allah Ta'ala; these signs are not bestowed to animals. These animals do not have the capability of recognizing Allah. If animals would have been capable of Allah's recognition then the cats in England would have spoken English, the cats in Pakistan would have spoken Urdu, and the cats in Bangladesh would have spoken in Bangla. Nevertheless, the reality of the matter is that all the animals of the world communicate alike.

Humankind, however, has been created for the lofty purpose of recognizing Allah Ta`ala, though the His creation of the different colors and languages. It is very unfortunate that due to our ignorance, we have made these things a means by which we discriminate against others and consider ourselves superior saying, "I am white, and he is black..."

One should understand that the wisdom behind the creation of the different languages and colors is not to bring about hatred and enmity, but rather, to create love and recognition.

If a father leaves behind object of remembrance for his children's sake, will that object bring about good memories or will it create enmity and hatred between each other?

Allah Ta`ala is telling us that our differences in language and color is His sign. It is a means by which we can remember Him. Now instead of making this an opportunity to recognize our Creator and show gratitude to Him, we are instead quarreling amongst ourselves and making this a means of gaining superiority over others.

This is why in another place Allah Ta'ala has said:

انّ اَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللهِ اَتْقَاكُمْ

Verily, the most honorable and virtuous of you are the ones who fear Allah the most.
(Hujurat; 13)

Your virtue and honor is not in your languages and colors, it is in fear of Allah. He who possesses more fear and obedience to His Creator, then he will be more honored and virtuous in the sight of Allah Ta`ala.

One People: Who Surpass the Bounds of Race and Color

...Therefore those people who become disloyal to the faith, turn their back to Allah and His Messenger, and become Jews & Christians after having been Muslims, then there is no reason to become concerned.

Allah Ta'ala has promised:

فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِى اللهُ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَ يُحِبُّوْنَه

Soon we shall bring about (after they have turned away from Islam) such a people, who He loves and who love Him.

In this verse, Allah Ta'ala has revealed قوم one group of people, in the singular and not اقوام in the plural which indicates to this fact that all the people who have love for Allah in this world are actually ONE PEOPLE.

All the lovers of Allah in the world are but one people; whether, they are from Malawi, Pakistan, America, and irrespective of whether they are black or white.

If the lovers of Allah were separated into various groups and divided into black & white and other racial categories, then Allah would not have revealed قوم "one people" in the singular but would have revealed اقوام "many people."

So, the wisdom behind:

فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِى اللهُ بِقَوْمٍ

being revealed in the singular is so that it is known that all the lovers of Allah in the entire world are all but one people. There is no segregation or division in the nation of lovers, instead they are considered one nation.

Nevertheless, in order to create variety in the *expression* of love for Allah, He has brought about the differences in languages and skin color.

This is not a difference in people; rather this is a difference in expression.

Our desire is such that the remembrance of Allah is in the whole of humanity no matter the race or color and humankind takes his name in the many different languages that exist.

Allah Ta`ala has manifested His signs and power through the variety of languages and skin colors.
Some are speaking Bengali, another is speaking English, and another is conversing in Gujrati.
Allah Ta`ala has actually expounded this reality in the Noble Qur'an:

(وَمِنْ آيٰتِه خَلْقُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ اَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَاَلْوَانِكُم)

"And from amongst His signs are the creation of the heavens and the earth and the differences in your languages and colors" (Rum:22)

These languages and colors of yours that are so different, these are from My signs. Therefore, do not come to this conclusion that My lovers are different nations. Differences of color and languages do not necessitate differences in nation. Anyone who has love in his heart for Me, then regardless of his skin color and language, they are one nation. All the lovers of Allah in the entire world are but one people & one nation. Therefore, if you happen to meet someone from Malawi or Africa or Asia or India or Gujarat, then if that person is a lover of Allah and Rasulullah (salellaho alaihe wasallam) then you should embrace him, express your love to him, and say, "O my beloved brother! We are actually one brother hood. There is no hate and discrimination here."

All the lovers of Allah in the world are one nation. For proof of this statement, I am presenting to you this verse from the Noble Qur'an. There are qualified scholars from Malawi and South Africa here in this very gathering.

Allah Ta`ala is telling us

(فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِى اللّٰهُ بِقَوْم)

"Allah will soon bring such a group of people..."

What will be the distinguishing characteristic?

(يُحِبُّهُمْ وَ يُحِبُّوْنَه)

Allah will love them and they will love Allah.

So the first sign of Allah's group of lovers is that Allah Ta`ala will love them and they will love Allah.

Grammatically, in the Arabic language, when the particle (بِ) comes upon the intransitive verb اتـى, يأتى then it renders it transitive.

What does this mean?

Our lovers do not come by themselves rather they are brought. Therefore this grammatical sequence gives us the meaning that Allah Ta`ala will specially choose His group and nation of lovers.

محبت دونوں عالم میں یہی جا کر پکار آئی

Love announced this declaration in both the worlds

جسے خود یار نے چاہا اسی کو یاد یار آئی

That whomever the Lover Himself has chosen, he alone shall remember the Beloved

Only the one whom Allah has bestowed the good fortune of granting him His love will become the Lover of Allah.

Only the one, whom Allah loves, shall love Allah. These are truly fortunate people and they are very lucky. Kings do not even experience such good fortune. Speaking of kings: if there is such a king who is unmindful and heedless of Allah then he will experience nothing but grief & worries through his kingship. There will be a crown on his head but the crown will give him nothing but a headache.

شاہوں کے سروں میں تاج گراں سے درد سا اکثر رہتا ہے

Due to the heavy crowns on the heads of kings, their heads are always aching,

اور اھل صفا کی سینوں میں اک نور کا دریا بہتا ہے

But in the hearts of the people of purity, there is a river of light always flowing.

The people of Allah always have a river of effulgence and brilliance flowing forth from their hearts, whereas kings and rulers are always experiencing headaches and worries due to the pressure of their opposition.

The crown is upon their heads and they are sitting upon their royal throne and from behind this imperial scene, there is fierce opposition at all times due to which their hearts are constantly in worry and uneasiness.

The Nationality of Lovers

9th Ramadhan, 1418
In correspondence with
8th January 1998
Thursday after Fajr

In the midst of his lecture on the *Mathnawi*, Hazrat wala (damat barakatuhum) commented:
Allah Ta`ala revealed in the verse

(يُحِبُّهُمْ وَ يُحِبُّوْنَه)

"He will love them, and they will love Him..."

By this Allah Ta`ala is telling us that He loves His lovers and they love Him, but:

قَدَّمَ اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰى مَحَبَّتَهٗ عَلٰى مَحَبَّةِ عِبَادِه لِيَعْلَمُوْا اَنَّهُمْ يُحِبُّوْنَ رَبَّهُمْ بِفَيْضَانِ مَحَبَّةِ رَبِّهِم

"Allah preceded the mention of His love over the love of His slaves, so that they come to know that they only love Him due to the Divine favor of His love for them."

محبت دونوں عالم میں یہی جا کر پکار آئی

Love announced this declaration in both the worlds

جسے خود یار نے چاہا اسی کو یاد یار آئی

That whomever the Lover Himself has chosen, he alone shall remember the Beloved

The verse mentioned above was revealed in contrast to those who abandon Islam and in contrast to those who are disloyal, who have no love for Allah. These were not people of love, therefore We(Allah Ta'ala) will bring such a people in their place whom I shall love and who shall love Me.

Therefore, it is known that the existence of the lovers is dependent on the manifestation of the verse ...فسوف يأتى الله "***Soon Allah shall bring...***"

This succession will continue until the Day of Judgment. Hence, if you see anyone who is in love with Allah, in these times, or one who is in love with a lover of Allah, then know that he is actually one of the manifestations of that verse.

Who is this قوم... this one group of people? Allah Ta`ala has made His lovers, one people.

We are all one people, even though some are Punjabi, others Bengali, others Indian, others Persian, others Arab, or any of the thousands of nationalities; still we are but one people.

From this, we have understood that our "nationality" is not made up of countries, colors, race, languages or tribes; rather our nationality is recognized through the love of Allah.

There are many lovers of Allah in this world; however, they are all one nation. If they were different, then Allah Ta`ala would have revealed

فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِى اللهُ بأقوام

"Allah will soon bring many nations..."

Allah Ta'ala did *not* reveal the word NATION (قوم) in the plural, rather it was revealed in the singular (قوم one nation, one people) so that it is known that Allah's lovers are considered one people.

Whosoever is a lover of Allah, they are included in this nationality. And he who does not love Allah, then he is not of this nation, even though he might be from the same country as us, be in the same family as us, or speak the same language, or live in the same city or neighborhood as us. If he is not a lover of Allah, he is not of us.

Our nation consists of Allah's lovers.

This nationality has two parts to it:

One part is that Allah loves them, and the second part is that they love Allah. This is that nation which Allah has chosen and brought. America, Britain, and all the nations of the world can never understand these types of people for whom color and race has no significance.

Their nationalities are dependent upon color, race, language, and country. The result of which is hatred and animosity.

Only the Almighty Creator can truly know what "nationality" is. Only that nationality which had been determined by the Creator can truly be reliable. Should we rely on the "nationality" granted to us by our Almighty Creator or those divisions created by the disbelievers? The distinguishing characteristic of this nation is not lineage, language, or country, rather the distinguishing characteristic is يحبهم و يحبونه (He loves them and they love Him).

Allah Ta'ala revealed يحبهم first... that He loves them... the word "them" is ambiguous indicating that they are not specified. Because revelation has now come to a stop and Hazrat Jibra'il (alaihis salaam) is not descending for revelation, we cannot say who specifically is being loved. The love of Allah for someone is hidden and cannot be known for sure. So how can we gauge, what proof do we have that Allah loves someone? The love of Allah can be gauged through the love and sacrifice of His slaves for Him because the love that His slaves have for him is clear and manifest.

عشق من پیدا و دلبر ناپدید

My love is apparent but the Beloved is hidden from sight...

Our love is manifested in making ablution, prostrating before Him, fasting and remaining hungry for Him, making Hajj for Him, sacrificing life and limb for Him. All these actions are manifestations of our love for Him, while He, the Beloved is hidden from physical sight in this world.

در دو عالم ایں چنیں دلبر کہ دید

In both this world & the next, has anyone seen such a Beloved as this one?

Show me such a beloved in both worlds for whose sake 70 people became martyred in one day. Such as those 70 companions of Rasulullah (salellaho alaihe wasallam) who are resting at the foot of Mount Uhud in Madina Munawwarah.

Even until this day, there are people who are manifesting their love for the Almighty Beloved.

O people of the world! How shall you know that Allah loves them? Revelation has ended and no more news can come from the unseen? The answer to this question lies in the verse itself. Those who love Allah are actually the ones who Allah Ta`ala loves.

Anyone who loves Him and is manifesting his love for the Beloved, then this only happens due to the overflowing Divine favor and beneficence of His love for him or her.

Allah Ta'ala revealed يحبهم و يحبونه in the present and future tense to indicate to the fact that His lovers will remain loyal to Him in the present time and in the future.

We can also deduce from this very verse the benefit of accompanying the lovers of Allah. By adopting their company, one will be granted everlasting loyalty and perpetual devotion to Allah.

The revelation of this verse is actually a guarantee of an increase of love and special bond for the lovers of Allah all around the world. The reason for this is that when it is known that we are all one people and one nation, then automatically a person is going to have a special love for the people of his nation. Those children who come to know that they are from the same father, the love amongst them increase. In addition, those who have a weak relationship with their father, then those children tend to argue and dispute more.

Similarly those who are deprived of Allah's love and have a weak relationship with their Creator, they clash with their fellow creation.

As for the lovers of Allah, they know that they are actually one people, one body, one soul, and that Allah loves them; this love overwhelms their body and souls.

Through this sense of unified "nationality", love is automatically increased in their hearts.

In any part of the world, if you happen to meet a man of Allah (a true and sincere lover of Allah) then you really feel love in your heart for him. It is for this reason that one never sees any disputes amongst Allah's lovers. Because when lovers come together they become ecstatic, they do not fight and argue.

They are the individual manifestation of the verse:

(فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِي اللّٰهُ بِقَوْمٍ)

"Allah will soon bring such a people..."

یوں تو ہوتی ہے رقابت لازما عشاق میں

عشق مولی ہے مگر اس تہمت بد سے بری

Usually there is jealousy amongst lovers,
However, the lovers of Allah are innocent of this accusation.

Tell me; is this not the immense grace of Allah that I am deriving such proofs from the Qur'an for the issues of Tasawwuf?

This is the first time in my life that Allah Ta'ala has inspired my heart with the explanation of the lovers of Allah being one nation, through the verse يحبهم و يحبونه

My heart tells me that Allah Ta`ala, out of His sheer mercy and benevolence, has specifically inspired me with this subject and explanation, and perhaps no one's mind has ever gone in this direction before.

Any lover of Allah, regardless of what country, tribe, skin color, or race he/she is, they are actually one nation and one people.

It is for this very reason that Allah Ta`ala has revealed فسوف يأتی الله بقوم in the singular and not اقوام in the plural.

The wisdoms of the Noble Qur'an are unlimited. When the author of the Qur'an (Allah Ta`ala Himself) is unlimited then the subtleties and intricacies of His Sublime Book are also unlimited.

This should be understood that all that I have mentioned is not Qur'anic exegesis but rather a discussion on the intricacies and subtleties of the Qur'an.

Recognition is the sole purpose behind various tribes and nations, not pride and supremacy

3rd of Rabiul-Awwal 1414
In accordance to:
22nd of August 1993

In Today's Majlis, Hazrat wala (may Allah Ta`ala preserve him) read the following verse:

اِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ وَّ اُنْثٰى وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوْبًا وَّقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوْا

(Surah Hujurat: 13)

We have created you from one man and woman; i.e. Adam & Hawwa (alayimus salaam), and We have made you into different tribes & nations so that you may recognize one another.

These tribal and national differences are not supposed to bring about pride and supremacy over others, rather it is for **التعارفو**, so that you may recognize one another.
Instead of recognition and identification, mankind has made this a reason to claim virtue and supremacy over others. Those people that are of a certain tribe or family lineage consider people from another tribe to be inferior and lowly. From this verse, we have understood the following that it is ignorant to have pride and arrogance in one's family lineage, tribe, or name. In actuality, this opposes the purpose of recognition.

Now, all I have to say, as advice, is to take heed (the purpose behind) لتعارفوا , is recognition.

Pride and arrogance is forbidden because Allah's purpose behind different nations & tribes is so that we may recognize one another and identify that 'so and so' is from this nation and 'so and so' is from that tribe, etc.

Family lineage and tribal roots is not a means of proving one's nobility. Nobility and greatness lies in the fear and obedience of Allah. In this same verse, Allah Ta'ala continues saying

اِنَّ اَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللهِ اَتْقَاكُمْ

***The noblest in the sight of Allah is the one who fears Allah the most*.**

The one who is more fearful of his Lord will be the most noble in His Sight.

There Are No Provinces in Paradise

17th Muharram 1426
in accordance to
27th February 2005

In the *khanqah*, there were visitors from America, Canada, UK, France, Reunion, Bangladesh, Burma, India, and other countries. They had all come for their spiritual reformation in the auspicious company of Hazrat wala (may Allah Ta`ala preserve him). There were also people from various provinces of Pakistan who were present there for the same purpose. After witnessing such a variety of people from different places, Hazrat wala commented:

"This is a testimony of the trueness of Islam. That black, white, and people from all different colors and backgrounds have gathered here today and there is no discrimination of language or color here. The reason for this is that in *Jannah* there is no separation due to provinces and frontiers. You will not find a France, or America, or India, or Bangladesh, or Punjab, or Sindh, or Baluchistan there. Therefore those who are headed to *Jannah*, they do not have any prejudice in their hearts. This is the sign that these are people of *Jannah*. In paradise, everyone's language is going to be Arabic. In addition, Allah Ta'ala will, divinely inspire the one who never learned Arabic in this world, thus every *Jannati* will be speaking Arabic. There will be no racism and prejudice based on language or nationality there. You will not find Punjabis "sticking to their own kind" and speaking the Punjabi language. Neither will you see a person of Sindh or Gujrat keeping to themselves, speaking their own language. Everyone will be speaking Arabic there.

Rasulullah (salellaho alaihe wasallam) said:

وَجَبَتْ مَحَبَّتِيْ لِلْمُتَحَابِّيْنَ فِيِّ وَالْمُتَجَالِسِيْنَ فِيِّ وَ الْمُتَزَاوِرِيْنَ فِيِّ وَ الْمُتَبَاذِلِيْنَ فِي

"My love becomes necessary for those who love each other for My sake, and sit amongst each other for My sake, and spend on each other for My sake."
(Mu'atta of Malik)

The objective of their love is nothing but Allah. Their objective is not family relations, neither is it business partnership, neither is it lingual, nor cultural, nor racial.
Rather if you look at these people, some are speaking English, others are speaking Arabic, and others are speaking Urdu. However, in spite of this lingual difference, they all love each other for the sake of Allah. Therefore, Allah takes it into His own responsibility to bestow upon them His Divine love.

میں ڈھونڈتا ہوں تجھ کو محبت کہاں ہے تو
اک قلب شکستہ ترے قابل لیے ہوے

I was looking all over for you O love!
I am carrying a broken heart which is suitable for you.

There will be an announcement on the Day of Judgment این المتحابّون في ***"where are those who love each other for My sake?! They did not speak the same language, neither were they from the same area, nor did they share the same nationality, neither were they from the same family, but they loved each other for My sake. Now, let all of those people be admitted to the shade of My Majestic Throne!"***

Thus, it is understood that those who love each other for the sake of Allah, they will be honored with being in the shade of Allah's Majestic Throne, and neither will they have to go through any questioning.

Language and Color: Two great signs of the power of Allah

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Just today, Allah Ta`ala inspired me with great knowledge. To look down upon any language from the heart or to express any hatred through the tongue is an act which may lead to kufr.

On the same note, once in Thana Bhawan, Hazrat Thanwi (may Allah have mercy upon him) read the letter of someone who came from Bangladesh in which the person wrote:
ہم بہت ہانستا ہے اس کا علاج بتائے *"I have the habit of laughing a lot; please give me the remedy for this..."*

[Note: Because Urdu is not the mother tongue of the people of Bangladesh, he had written this statement in a distorted and ineloquent manner that exposed the writer's being foreign and unacquainted with the language.]

This prompted someone from Hazrat's majlis to comment:

"Sounds like it's a Bengali to me!"

Hazrat Thanwi (rahmatullah alaihe) immediately retorted:
"From this statement of yours, I sense the stench of *Tahqeer*, as if you are trying to degrade or look down upon the people of Bangladesh. Therefore immediately go and renew your faith by rereading the *kalima* over again and perform two rakaats prayer of repentance."

So the reason it is forbidden to look down upon anyone's language is because Allah Ta`ala has said:

(وَمِنْ آيٰتِهِ خَلْقُ السَمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَاْفُ اَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَاَلْوَانِكُم)

"And from His signs are the differences of your languages and colors..."

These differences in language are actually a means of the recognition of Allah Ta`ala.

I was in the African country of Malawi and one early morning, there was a dog barking. I said to my friends there, that because Allah Ta`ala has not created the animals for the attainment of His recognition, thus the language of animals throughout the world is one. Whether the dog is from Pakistan, Africa, U.S, or U.K, then regardless of where it is from it is going to make a barking sound. And regardless of where the cat is from, it will say "MEOW."

But the languages of mankind is different because He has created them as a manifestation of His signs and for the noble objective of His recognition.
In order for humankind to recognize the power of Allah in the various languages He has created. Thus looking down upon someone's language or skin color, one is in danger of losing one's Imaan.

Someone looked at a dwarf and started to laugh, so the dwarf said to him, "Are you laughing at the pot, or the potter?" To laugh at the utensil is actually to laugh at the utensil-maker. To ridicule the object someone has made is tantamount to ridiculing the maker of that object.

The above-mentioned incident of the reviver of his time, Hakim ul Ummah (rahmatullah alaihe) supplemented to the above-mentioned verse, supports my view. Regardless of a person's race or language, every human being has the potential to become the friend of Allah.

If he embraces Islam and continues to fear Allah (by abstinence from all sins) then he has become a friend of Allah. It is not permissible to look down on such an individual. Unfortunately, Shaytaan puts hatred & contempt in the heart for other languages in such a way that a person does not even perceive it. One should particularly be aware of this fact and not allow the hatred of anyone creep into the heart. Maulana Shah Muhammad Ahmad Sahib (rahmatullah alaihe) says:

نہ کوئی راہ پا جائے نہ کوئی غیر آ جائے

حریم دل کا احمد اپنے ہر دم پاسبان رہنا

Neither should anyone find a way, nor should any stranger come near,
O Ahmad, always be watchful over the Harem of the heart.

Prejudice: A sign of KUFR

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In accordance to
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Saturday, after Zuhr

[After the lecture] Hazrat wala (may Allah preserve him) told Maulana Abdul Matin to translate it in the Bangla language. Fifteen guests from Bangladesh were present in the gathering and they had the good fortune of performing Umrah with Hazrat.

After the translation, Hazrat said, "See? Didn't everyone enjoy listening to the Bangla language? Why is that? It is because there is true faith in your hearts. If there was prejudice and evil desires in our hearts, then we would not have enjoyed listening to this foreign language. This is why my friends have so much love amongst each other. We are one nation. Rasulullah (salellaho alaihe wasallam) **is** the Prophet for people of all languages. Whether they may be Indian, Bangladeshi, Pakistani, British, African, or American, Rasulullah (salellaho alaihe wasallam) is the Prophet for all of them. This is why we are one nation; because our Prophet is one. When our Lord is one and our Prophet is one, then we as a people are also one. It is for this very reason Allah Ta`ala has referred to us as one nation.

(مَنْ يَرْتَدَّ مِنْكُمْ عَنْ دِيْنِه فَسَوْفَ يَأْتِى اللّٰهُ بِقَوْمٍ يُحِبُّهُمْ وَ يُحِبُّوْنَه)

Anyone amongst you who turns his back to Islam, then Allah will bring a nation whom Allah will love, and they will love Allah.

Allah Ta'ala revealed قوم (one people) not اقوام (many different people). From this, we understand that the lovers of Allah are all one nation. Whether they are black or white, Arab or non-Arab, whether they speak English or Arabic or Bangla or Urdu or whatever language; if they love Allah, then they are all one people and one nation.

Therefore, due to the differences in language & color, to think oneself inferior or superior is an act of *kufr.*

Just imagine if Rasulullah (salellaho alaihe wasallam) were to be present now then he would obviously be speaking Arabic. Nevertheless, he would have a translator in every language to convey his message. His message would be conveyed in every language. Therefore, every language is our language.

Likewise, a scholar of religion needs to be knowledgeable in various languages in order to teach and convey the message of Islam; therefore, do not look down upon any language. Looking down upon any language has the stench of *kufr* in it.

Allah Ta'ala has declared every language to be one of His signs:

(وَمِنْ آيٰتِه خَلْقُ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ وَاخْتِلَافُ اَلْسِنَتِكُمْ وَاَلْوَانِكُم)

And from amongst His signs, is the differences in your languages and colors.

To hate or look down upon a majestic sign of Allah is actually nothing but kufr. Hatred for others because of language and color is an act of disbelief.

All languages are a sign of Allah's power. This is why it is KUFR to think low of a sign of Allah or to degrade it or consider it inferior.

Regardless of what language it is; whether it is English, Persian, Arabic, Bangali, Urdu, or Pashto, all are signs of Allah's power and greatness. To consider any sign of Allah as contemptible is kufr.

Prejudice, nationalism, and sectarianism; saying 'so and so' is from there and 'so and so' is from such and such place, therefore he is better, these are all signs of *kufr* and a sign of being deprived of Paradise.

Those people who are headed towards paradise are pure from prejudices because in Paradise there are no differences of language and color. There are no provinces or districts in Paradise. Everyone's language will be Arabic there. If someone argues that he does not know Arabic because he never learned it, then to him we would say that in the Hereafter, Allah Ta`ala will inspire all people with the understanding of that blessed language. Allah Himself will inspire us and show us the way to enjoy the bounties and pleasures of Paradise because those bounties will be such that:

مَا لَاعَيْنٌ رَأَتْ وَلَا اُذُنٌ سَمِعَتْ وَلَا خَطَرَ عَلى قَلْبِ بَشَر

"No eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, and no heart has ever imagined" (Bukhari vol.1, pg. 460)

In spite of all this, when Allah Ta`ala bestows upon humankind the favor of looking upon His majestic countenance in Paradise, then no one will remember anything. They will be in such ecstasy in enjoying Allah's countenance that they will not even remember Paradise, or its location, or its beautiful damsels.

Dua

Through the blessings of the Sacred *Ka'abah* may Allah Ta`ala grant us the good fortune of becoming people of Paradise, and entering therein a "first" entering.
May Allah save us from entering Paradise after being punished in the Hell-fire. May He protect us from the evil deeds of the people of the fire. May He pardon our shortcomings, wrongdoings, and unworthiness.

Without deserving it, may Allah Ta'ala out of His sheer mercy & grace grant us the highest stages of Paradise.
May Allah grant this to us, our children, our families, our friends, who are not present here with us at this moment, and may Allah accept this prayer of mine on behalf of all the Muslims in the world.
May Allah grant faith to all the non-believers in the entire world and make them complete and perfect believers.
O Allah! Have mercy upon the entire world!
O Allah! Have mercy upon the fish in the sea and the animals in the jungles and upon the birds in the sky.

Shower your torrential rains of mercy upon the entire world!

و صلی الله تعالی علی خیر خلقه محمد و آله و صحبه اجمعین برحمتك يا أرحم الراحمين

And may the peace & blessings of Allah be upon the best of creation, Muhammad, and upon his family and his companions.
By Your mercy, Oh The Most Merciful of those who show mercy.